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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Isafer DEVA

1. Isafer DEVA is from the Kossova region of Albania and has long been recognised as a leader of the Albanian Kossova groups. He led in the fight against TITO and Albanian Communist partisans in the 1942-44 period and as a Kossovar has been known as violently anti-Yugoslavia (TITO) as well as anti-Communist. He was pro-German, having studied in Germany, and served as Minister of Interior in Albania during the German occupation there. It is reported that he used this position to perpetrate extreme brutalities against the National Liberation Movement, Communist led movement in Albania during the war.

2. Subject was one of the founders and important leaders of the Second League of Prizren, an organisation formed to unite all Kossovars for the defense of Kossova against the Slavs. It might be said that DEVA is a single-minded anti-Communist Nationalist (or more particularly, pro-Kossova) who is motivated by purely patriotic considerations. This has apparently been his 'code' as an independent Albanian political personality in exile in Italy in the years since the war.

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